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SUBJ: NEW FRG AMBASSADOR TO BURUNDI

1. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD IN THE STRICTEST CONFIDENCE BY WOLF-DIETRICH VOGEL, COUNSELOR FOR CONSULAR AFFAIRS AND THIRD-RANKING OFFICER IN THE FRG EMBASSY HERE, THAT HE IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO BE APPOINTED AS FRG AMBASSADOR TO BURUNDI, TO ARRIVE IN BUJUMBURA SOMETIME IN OCTOBER.

2. VOGEL IS A SLIM RED-HEADED MAN IN HIS FORTIES, WHO HAS HAD AT LEAST ONE PREVIOUS AFRICAN POSTING. FOR THE LAST FOUR YEARS, HE HAS HEADED THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE FRG EMBASSY HERE - A SECTION COMPOSED OF AT LEAST NINE CONSULAR OFFICERS AND PERHAPS FIFTY LOCAL EMPLOYEES. HE HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE CONSULAR END OF THE FRG-POLISH AGREEMENTS TO REPATRIATE ABOUT 125,000 ETHNIC GERMANS TO WEST GERMANY IN RETURN FOR FRG CREDITS TO POLAND.

3. VOGEL IS AN INTELLIGENT, ENERGETIC BERLINER, WHO SPEAKS EXCELLENT ENGLISH AND FRENCH AND FLUENT POLISH. (HE TRANSLATED THE POLISH CIVIL CODE INTO GERMAN.) HIS WIFE IS A PETITE AND VIVACIOUS WOMAN FROM SOUTH-WESTERN GERMANY (BADEN), WHO IS INTERESTED IN GASTRONO-
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MY. BOTH THE VOGELS ARE INTERESTED IN CONTEMPORARY ART- AND ALSO REGULARLY BROWSE IN WARSAW'S FLEA MARKETS TO PICK UP ANTIQUE BARGAINS. THEY HAVE A SON (ABOUT EIGHT OR NINE YEARS) AND A DAUGHTER (ABOUT FIVE YEARS).

4. VOGEL IS EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN EASTERN EUROPE. WE KNOW LITTLE

ABOUT HIS AFRICAN EXPERTISE. HE WILL BE A GOOD
COLLEAGUE AND VIGOROUS ADDITION TO THE BUJUMBURA
DIPLOMATIC CORPS.
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